

SHADRACH D. BARDIN.

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Mr. RICHARDSON, of Alabama, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8648.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8648) granting a pension to Shadrach D. Bardin, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Shadrach D. Bardin, of Llano, Tex., filed an application for pension August 16, 1888, under the Mexican war service pension act of January 29, 1887, declaring that he served as a private in Captain Roberts's company of Texas Mounted Volunteers in said war. This claim was rejected on the ground that the service was rendered subsequent to the close of the war. The records of the War Department show that claimant was enrolled October 20, 1848, at San Antonio, Tex., and was mustered out with the company December 15, 1848. This company was evidently organized for the protection of the frontier, and claimant states that he was on duty between San Antonio and the Rio Grande River, and this duty was undoubtedly in connection with the disturbances and disorders along the Rio Grande after the Mexican war, which made it necessary to raise volunteer troops in Texas to aid in their settlement.

The testimony in the case indicates that the claimant is 74 years old and wholly dependent upon his manual labor for support, and, taking all the facts and circumstances into consideration, the passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.